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Dear Chairman Kennard,

I am writing on behalf of The Zeitgeist Community Gallery of Cambridge in support of your proposal to create a low power radio service. We have been concerned about changes in radio that have occurred over the last few years, most particularly, the loss of localism and the abdication of many radio stations from any serious responsibility.

Given that almost everyone has a radio, the potential of that medium to fulfill a democratizing and inclusive cultural mission is enormous. Radio should reflect the tremendous diversity of our culture, serving as a point of entry for newly arrived and non-English speaking Americans, providing information and discussions of important local issues and making available cultural/musical programming that is deemed not demographically appealing enough for broadcasters to carry.

Citizens with something to say should know that they have access to a small, locally based station which is run by their neighbors. The mission of The Zeitgeist Community Gallery of Cambridge would be greatly served were we able to gain such access.

We feel that the 50-100 watt stations are the heart and soul of this proposal and should be prioritized. Although we believe that 500-1000 watt service can be included, such stations should not be allowed in urban areas, where crowded radio dials will allow for very few stations as it is.

To fulfill its most important function-accessibility- low power FM owners should be restricted to a single station and should live close to the broadcast area of the station. Cross-media ownership should not be allowed.

We commend you for your foresight in proposing this service and hope that you are able to succeed in your plan to open up the airwaves to new voices.

Sincerely,

The Zeitgeist Community Gallery

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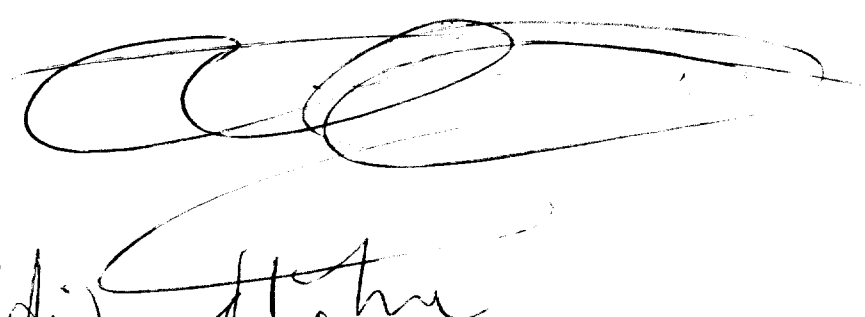
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